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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, INSPECTION AND SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: Minimum Classification Standards

1. Mr. Foley of the Department of Justice, deputy to Mr. Whearty on the ICIS, called me yesterday about the letter from the Chief, I&SS, to ICIS on the proposed draft of a Presidential Regulation on minimum standards for classification and handling of classified information. As you know, that letter stated that CIA found it necessary to reproduce certain material for internal consumption without clearance in each case from the originating branch, and also incorporated intelligence information originating in other agencies into material which was then disseminated by CIA. The letter said that outside of these comments we had no other changes to suggest.

2. Mr. Foley stated that ICIS considered this letter carefully and agreed that it was recognized that CIA and certain other intelligence agencies would have to continue reproduction for internal use without official clearance in each case. Furthermore, the need for CIA to incorporate information from other agencies into papers for outside dissemination was recognized in the draft regulations themselves by a provision excepting CIA.

3. Mr. Foley asked if it was our intention to imply that changes in wording were needed in the proposed regulation. I said it was our idea to state what we were going to do in any case, but not suggest changes in the regulation unless the ICIS thought changes would be necessary to comply with our needs. Mr. Foley said he would present that position to the ICIS on Thursday of this week, and unless the Committee or any members thereof felt that changes were necessary, he would request the Committee to acknowledge our position as being within the framework of the regulations. I thanked Mr. Foley and asked him to please call on us if there were any further questions.

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